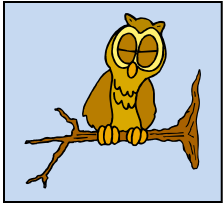


# 2012 - OPEN SPACE PROGRAMS

## FEBRUARY



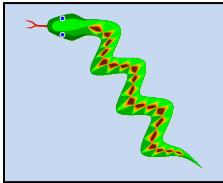
### **Volunteer Raptor Monitoring Training Session**

When: Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Where: Louisville Public Library, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Meeting Room (951 Spruce Street).

Interested in raptors? Come and learn about Open Space's Raptor Monitoring Program and how you can volunteer to be a part of it. We will learn how to identify the local raptor species and learn more about their breeding cycles. Hear about the success of nesting raptors in Louisville.

## MARCH



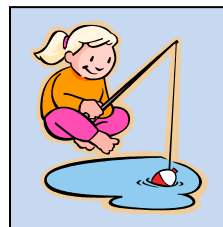
### **Snakes Alive!**

When: Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Where: Louisville Public Library, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Meeting Room (951 Spruce Street)

Conservation through education! Join the Center for Snake Conservation (CSC) for a night of fun with snakes! Have you ever wondered how a snake moves, eats, or sheds its skin? Are snakes slimy? Do they have bones? Do they really bite their tail and roll down a hill? Come and learn the truth about snakes and explore their amazing world with the Center for Snake Conservation! The CSC is a local 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of all snakes. Its mission is "to promote the conservation of snakes and their natural ecosystems and implement positive change in human attitudes towards snakes." The CSC does this through education, conservation, and science-based programs which benefit snakes and the human environment.

## APRIL



### **Family Fishing Frenzy**

When: Friday, April 20th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Where: Warembourg Open Space Fishing Pond

RSVP: Register at <http://www.louisvillerecreation.com/> program number 16999. Two session start times are available, 9 am or 11 am.

BVSD has cancelled School for the day! So grab your kids and your fishing gear and head on down to the Warembourg fishing pond for a fishing clinic sponsored by the Colorado Division of Wildlife and the Louisville Parks & Recreation Department. Topics to be covered will include knots, casting, fish habitat, fish handling, laws and more. Once making it through all of the educational stations you will be given your very own children's fishing pole! Fishing licenses are required for parents and children over the age of 15. Space is limited so please make sure to register!



### **Mystery of Bird Migration Slide Show**

When: Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Where: Louisville Library, 1st Floor Meeting Room (951 Spruce Street)

Some birds are seen all year in Boulder County, some are only seen in summer or winter, and some seem to only visit for a short period in spring or fall. Why do birds make seasonal journeys, what prompts them to leave, how do they know when and where to go, how do they find their way, and what brings them back year after year to Boulder County? Join volunteer naturalists Larry Arp and Vicki Braunagel to explore these and other fascinating mysteries surrounding the amazing world of bird migration.



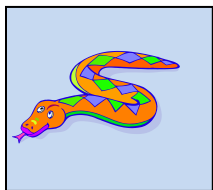
### **Noxious Weed Identification Training Session**

When: Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Where: Daughenbaugh Open Space (Near Cherry Street and Coal Creek Lane)

Come and walk Daughenbaugh Open Space to see and learn about Colorado's noxious weeds. Learn what noxious weeds are and why we need to control them. You will learn how to identify different noxious weeds and what management techniques are most effective.

## **MAY**



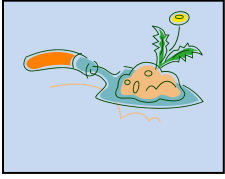
### **Snake Count Event**

When: Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Where: Davidson Mesa Open Space @ the Trailhead

RSVP: Chris Prah 303-335-4742 or ChristineP@LouisvilleCO.gov

Join the Center for Snake Conservation for their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring Snake Count Event at Davidson Mesa. Help look for and find all the different species of snake that might be using Davidson Mesa. The search for snakes at Davidson Mesa is just part of a much larger goal to document every species of snake that occurs in the United States in a single time period (1 week). A lofty goal but with your help it is not so crazy. The data collected during the Snake Count will be used by the Center for Snake Conservation (CSC) to map the current snake distributions of snakes in the United States. The CSC is dedicated to the conservation of all snakes.



### **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Pulling For Colorado Event**

When: Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to noon

Where: Aquarius Open Space

RSVP: Chris Prah at 303-335-4742 or ChristineP@LouisvilleCO.gov

This is our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Pulling for Colorado event which is part of a statewide campaign to educate the public about noxious weeds. Weed identification training will occur from 9-10 am followed by digging up noxious weeds that are threatening Aquarius Open Space. Refreshments and snacks will be provided. Please bring gloves and a shovel and be prepared for weather and elements (e.g. sunscreen, pants, hat, sunglasses, NO open-toed shoes).

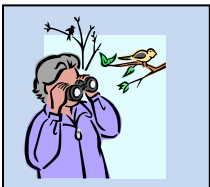


### **Greenwood Wildlife Rehabilitation Center Education Presentation**

When: Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Where: Louisville Library, 1st Floor Meeting Room (951 Spruce Street)

Greenwood Wildlife Rehabilitation Center is a non-profit organization that is devoted to the rehabilitation and release of orphaned and injured wildlife. They are the largest wildlife rehabilitation center of this kind in Colorado, each year treating approximately 2,200 animals representing over 135 different wildlife species. Come learn about some of the different animals they care for, successful release stories, humane solutions to human-wildlife conflicts, and what to do if you find an orphaned or injured animal. Learn how you can help Colorado's wildlife.



### **Bird Walk on Open Space**

When: Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 am.

Where: Dutch Creek Open Space along Coal Creek

RSVP by May 25<sup>th</sup>, Chris Prah at 303-335-4742 or ChristineP@LouisvilleCO.gov

Join experienced birder Paula Hansley for a relaxed bird walk. Learn to identify some of our local bird species by sight and sound. Late May is an excellent time to see and hear breeding birds and spring migrants. We may see anything from a western meadowlark to a house wren to a blue grosbeak. Learn some of the basics on how to observe and identify birds. Please bring binoculars if you have them. Participation is limited so please RSVP as soon as possible.



### **Open Space Open House**

When: Saturday, June 2 from 9 am to 11:30 pm.

Where: Recreation Center at Touch-a-Truck event

Stop by our Open Space booth to learn more about open space. Join us for poster board displays showing how your tax dollars are spent on Open Space. Staff and Open Space Advisory Board members will be available for questions & answers.



### **Clever Coyotes!**

When: Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:45 am to 10:15 am

Where: Louisville Recreation Center

Please RSVP by June 10<sup>th</sup>. **Class is filled.**

How smart is the coyote? Come join the City of Louisville Open Space team and find out fascinating facts about our local coyote. During this presentation you will learn about the coyote's lifestyle, its characteristics, and what to do if you encounter them. We will follow the presentation with a brief trivia game to test your knowledge. Open Space staff will be available to answer any questions you might have.



### **Discover Davidson Mesa!**

When: June 15<sup>th</sup> through September 17<sup>th</sup>

Where: Davidson Mesa

We've got 2 new ways to discover the treasures of our natural resources in Louisville! Our Feasting at the Table is for those who want to join an adventure with your GPS to find our hidden caches on the Mesa and learn more about our Open Space!

For a family friendly activity, we also have The Explorer's Notebook that involves following a map and using clues. Explore with your eyes and ears and record your discoveries with drawings and observations!

Copies of our Feasting at the Table and The Explorer's Notebook can be found at <http://www.louisvilleco.gov/Portals/0/Parks%20&%20Recreation/geocacheadventure.pdf> or at the Davidson Mesa Trailhead. See you on the trail!

## JULY



### **Aquatic Exploration**

When: Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 10:00 am

Where: Body of water TBD

RSVP by July 23<sup>rd</sup>, Echo Medina at 303-335-4735 or [echom@louisvilleco.gov](mailto:echom@louisvilleco.gov)

Join the Keep It Clean Partnership in exploring the aquatic wonders of our waterways. Get ready to get wet sampling for aquatic insects and hearing about the benefits of these wet ecosystems. Learn what a watershed is and the importance of preventing water pollution. Water is one of our most important natural resources, help protect it! This will be a great family event. Participation is limited so please RSVP as soon as possible.

## AUGUST



### **Birds of Prey Program**

When: Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Where: Louisville Library, 1st Floor Meeting Room (951 Spruce Street)

The Birds of Prey Foundation is dedicated to the rehabilitation of injured and orphaned raptors from all over Colorado. The foundation receives close to 550 birds per year and releases approximately 60% of them back into the wild. They will bring live educational birds (owls, hawks, and falcons) that are ambassadors for their species and help us better understand the importance of these beautiful creatures in our environment. Learn about the natural history (diet, habitat, adaptations, migration, etc.) of birds of prey what is involved in caring for and rehabilitating them. All ages are welcome!

## OCTOBER

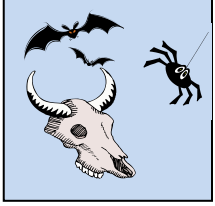


### **Get to Know Your H2O**

When: Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Where: Louisville Library, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Meeting Room (951 Spruce Street)

Where does our water come from, and where does it go after we use it? We turn on the tap, drink it, bathe in it, flush it, let it drain and more. Learn about local water resources from source to tap and beyond in this 45 minute interactive presentation, and celebrate Colorado's Year of Water, 2012! This program will be presented by the Keep It Clean Partnership. Please RSVP to [echom@louisvilleco.gov](mailto:echom@louisvilleco.gov) by Friday October 19th by 5:00 pm if you would like to come! Hope to see you there!



### **Spooktacular Critters**

When: October 28<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 4:00 pm. Cost is \$3 for residents, and \$5 non-residents

Where: Louisville Recreation Center

**Spooktacular Critters** is a fun Halloween event for the young and the young at heart.

Please join us for Truths-n-Treats. Learn the real truths about snakes, spiders, bats and bones and treat yourself and create a critter craft to make and take home.

Hope to see you all in your best Halloween costumes!

Space is limited so please register at: [www.louisvillerecreation.com](http://www.louisvillerecreation.com)